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## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 87 percent of normal. The main farm activities were cotton and soybean harvest, and planting for winter pastures.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	98	96	95			······································		
Cotton	Harvested	66	74	79			12	86	2
Rice	Harvested	98	93	96	<u> </u>		***************************************		<u> </u>
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	98	92	96			34	51	15
	Harvested	60	56	58					
Wheat	Planted	49	49	54			22	52	26
	Emerged	. 41	29	32					
Pecans	Harvested	30	19	18	5	27	50	14	4
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	89	84	88				<u> </u>	<b>-</b>
Livestock					<u> </u>		9	79	12

## **County Agent Comments**

"Harvesting is going at a fast pace with the favorable weather. Wheat planting has just started. The first frost came Thursday and should aid soybean harvesting. Pastures are looking good. Not all of the cotton is open yet."

- Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Combines and cotton pickers are back in fields. It will take 10 good days to complete most of the harvest."

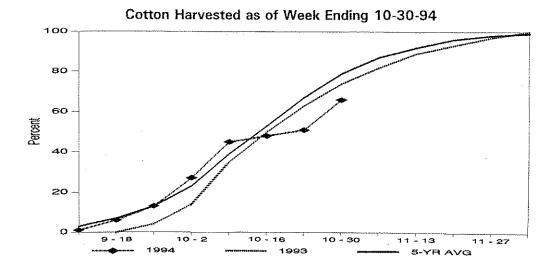
— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

"The sunshine and dry weather have allowed harvest of cotton and soybeans to resume. Combines and cotton pickers are running wide open. In another 10 days, harvest should be complete. Bean production levels look good. The bad weather has had an affect on cotton."

- Bill Maily, Hinds County

"The cool weather was welcome and slowed insect pressure on grazing crops allowing winter grasses to get a good start. The remainder of the hay is being harvested."

- Perry Lee, Simpson County



Weather Summary From 10/23/94 to 10/29/94 For Mississippi 4 Inch Soil Air Temperature Ave District/Station Temperature Pan One Four Max Min Rain Ave Norm DFN DFN Max Min Evap Ave Week Days Weeks 1. Upper Delta Tunica Clarksdale Cleveland Extreme/Average 2. North-Central Memphis AP Due to technical difficulties at the U.S. Department of Commerce, this table is unavailable this week. Holly Springs ES Oxford ES Extreme/Average 3. Northeast Corinth luka Booneville Pontotoc ES Tupelo AP Verona ES Extreme/Average 4. Lower Delta Stoneville ES Greenwood AP Belzoni Rolling Fork Yazoo City Extreme/Average Central Winona Carthage Jackson AP Extreme/Average 6. East-Central State University Columbus AFB Brocksville ES Extreme/Average 7. Southwest Vicksburg Oakley ES Crystal Springs Alcorn ES Natchez Extreme/Average South-Central McComb AP Columbia Extreme/Average 9. Southeast Newton ES Meridian AP Laurel Hattiesburg Beaumont ES Extreme/Average 10. Coastal Poplarville ES Bay St. Louis Gulfport Bilaxi Pascagoula Extreme/Average State Averages State Extremes Location Date Greatest one day precipitation Greatest weekly precipitation Maximum air temperature Minimum air temperature Maximum soil temperature Minimum soil temperature Greatest one day pan evaporation Greatest weekly pan evaporation Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum

Min = Minimum Ave Average Norm = Normal DFN = Departure From Normal Evap = Evaporation = Missing

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